

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR-6J

October 11, 2012

Mr. Michael J. Erickson Associate Vice President/Principal Engineer ARCADIS 10559 Citation Drive, Suite 100 Brighton, Michigan 48116

RE:

Area 2 Alternatives Screening Technical Memorandum (ASTM)

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the August 13, 2012, letter requesting deferral of the Otsego City Impoundment (Area 2) ASTM submittal until the Area 2 Supplemental Remedial Investigation Report (SRI) is completed.

According to the 2007 Agreement on Consent between EPA and Georgia-Pacific, LLC (GP) the ASTM must be submitted to EPA 60 days after the SRI report is submitted to EPA. The Area 2 SRI report is due to EPA on November 1, 2012. EPA concurs with deferring the submittal date for the Area 2 ASTM until after EPA has reviewed the Area 2 SRI report. Consistent with the approach used in Area 1, after EPA reviews the Area 2 SRI report and provides comments to GP, EPA will coordinate with GP and establish the submittal date for the Area 2 ASTM. EPA will then submit a letter to GP establishing the specific due date for the Area 2 ASTM.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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